

# *Philomachus pugnax*

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**SPEC 2** (1994: 4) **Status** (Declining)

**Criteria** Moderate recent decline

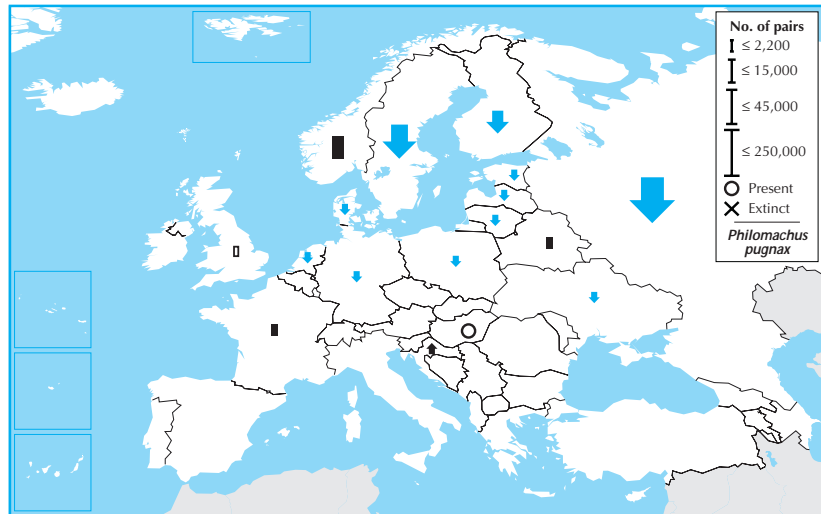
**European IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Philomachus pugnax* is a widespread breeder in much of northern Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>200,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable in a few countries during 1990–2000, most populations across its European range—including key ones in Russia and Sweden—suffered declines, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, this previously Secure species is now provisionally evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belarus	2,000 – 2,400	97–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(1 – 10)	02	(+)	(N)	70,57
Denmark	<b>150 – 150</b>	00–02	–	> <b>80</b>	21
Estonia	200 – 500	98	–	50–79	1
Finland	10,000 – 20,000	98–02	–	<b>60</b>	
France	<b>0 – 5</b>	98–01	F	> <b>80</b>	4
Germany	<b>109 – 124</b>	95–99	–	<b>50–79</b>	
Hungary	Present	90–92	?	–	
Latvia	(50 – 200)	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	23,16
Lithuania	(100 – 200)	99–01	(–)	(20–29)	20
Netherlands	<b>100 – 140</b>	98–00	–	<b>78</b>	1
Norway	(10,000 – 20,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	<b>5 – 50</b>	96–03	–	>80	56,57
Russia	(140,000 – 420,000)	90–00	–	20–29	28,29,60
Sweden	40,000 – 50,000	99–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	100 – 150	90–00	–	<b>20–29</b>	
UK	3 – 4	96–00	?	–	

<b>Total (approx.) Breeding range</b>	200,000 – 510,000 >2,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Overall trend</b> Moderate decline <b>Gen. length</b> <3.3 % <b>Global pop.</b> 50–74
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Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belgium	1,200 – 2,600	99–01	0	0–19	1
Bulgaria	<b>0 – 1</b>	97–01	?	–	
Cyprus	50 – 500	94–02	(0)	(0–19)	
France	<b>221 – 525</b>	98–02	F	<b>50–79</b>	9
Greece	<b>0 – 102</b>	95–00	F	<b>30–49</b>	
Rep. Ireland	<b>34 – 62</b>	94–00	?	–	
Italy	50 – 200	02	?	–	22
Netherlands	<b>470 – 470</b>	99–01	0	0–19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Portugal	(15 – 131)	95–97	(F)	(–)	19,20,21
Serbia & MN	300 – 700	90–02	F	40–59	
Slovenia	Present	90–00	?	–	
Spain	<b>260 – 3,000</b>	90–01	–	<b>30–49</b>	19
Turkey	100 – 150	91–01	(0)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	(0 – 50)	90–00	(–)	(50–79)	
UK	700 – 700	89–94	+	6	52

<b>Total (approx.) % in European IBAs</b>	>3,400 >60	<b>Overall trend</b> Small decline <b>Gen. length</b> <3.3 % <b>Global pop.</b> <5
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2000 population	81	19
1990 population	97	
Data quality (%) – <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		
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1990–2000 trend	19	76
1970–1990 trend	97	